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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the President to reduce or disapprove items of appropriation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 11 (legislative day, JANUARY 10), 1995

Mr. SIMON introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States within seven years from the date of its submission*
9 *by the Congress:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “The President may reduce or disapprove any item
3 of appropriation in any Act or joint resolution, except any
4 item of appropriation for the Congress. If an Act or joint
5 resolution is approved by the President, any item of appro-
6 priation provided in the Act or joint resolution that is not
7 reduced or disapproved shall become law. The President
8 shall return with his objections any item of appropriation
9 reduced or disapproved to the House in which the Act or
10 joint resolution containing such item originated. The Con-
11 gress may, in the manner prescribed under section 7 of
12 article I for Acts disapproved by the President, reconsider
13 any item of appropriation disapproved or reduced under
14 this article. Notwithstanding section 7 of article I only a
15 majority vote of each House shall be required to approve
16 an item which has been disapproved or to restore an item
17 which has been reduced by the President pursuant to this
18 article to the original amount contained in the Act or joint
19 resolution as passed by the Congress.”.

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